

WMU Convention Ready



Miss Elaine Dickson



Dr. Jasper McPhail



Mrs. C. C. Warren



Dr. J. W. Carney

The annual convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson March 28-29.

Up to 1500 women, coming from every section of the state, are expected to attend the meeting, to begin Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock and adjourn Wednesday at 3:25 p.m.

Presiding will be Mrs. W. F. Hannah, Clinton, president, who, according to custom, is scheduled to be reelected.

Principal speakers will include Miss Elaine Dickson, associate to the director of promotion, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Joseph R. Estes, secretary Department of Work Related to Non-Evangelicals, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, secretary of evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the following missionaries:

Dr. J. W. Carney, to Pakistan; Dr. Jasper L. McPhail, to India; Mrs. Marvin Garrett, to Rhodesia; Mrs. James C. Walker, to Rhodesia; Miss Mary Alice Ditsworth, to Indonesia; Mrs. Payton Myers, to Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Headrick, to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Edward Trott, to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, to Taiwan; Rev. and Mrs. Dolton V. Haggan, to Choctaw Indians in Mississippi; and Miss Rennie Sanderson, to Japan.

Mrs. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., will lead the worship periods at each session.

Frank Stovall, associate professor of voice at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will lead music for the convention and render vocal solos at each session.

Primary Sunbeam members from the Jackson area will "meet the missionaries" at Calvary Baptist Church from 4:30-5:30 Tuesday afternoon.

A Girls' Auxiliary Gathering and a Young Woman's Auxiliary meeting will be held in separate rooms of the educational building of the host church Tuesday evening.

A business session will be held Wednesday morning, including the election of officers. Mothers of missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the opening Tuesday morning session.

Theme for convention will be "As You Go... Teach."

Other officers are: Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary.

Miss Edwina Robinson is executive secretary-treasurer.

Several visiting personalities on this year's convention program are either former or native Mississippians, as follows:

Mr. Stovall, from Clinton; Mrs. Warren, from Yazoo City; Dr. McPhail, Calhoun

County; Dr. Carney, Greenwood; Miss Sanderson, Purvis; Miss Ditsworth, Pascagoula; Mrs. Myers, Prentiss; Mrs. Raley, Drew and Mrs. Trott, Lauderdale County.

This year's program will include inspirational addresses, reports of activities and plans for the future, worship periods, special music, business session and, young people's activities.

The convention each year is sponsored by the State Baptist WMU.



TWELVE AREA Pastor-Superintendents meetings were held in the state last week. At meeting at First Church, Brookhaven, host pastor Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, (right) greets Judd Allen, associate in Sunday School Department, director of meeting, (left) and Rev. Estus Mason, of Crystal Springs, speaker.



THREE SUNDAY school superintendents who attended Brookhaven meeting look over some of materials prior to meeting. From left: M. R. Prestridge of First Church, Crystal Springs; Roy Long of Union Church, Pike County Association, and Smith Lester of Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County Association.

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APPEAL TO CASTRO

Fite's Parents Now In Cuba

ATLANTA (BP) — The parents of Southern Baptist Missionary David Fite are in Havana, Cuba, for a "face-to-face" appeal to Fidel Castro to release their son from prison.

News that the Clifton Fites of Waynesboro, Ga. had reached Havana came to Mission Board in a cablegram that simply read, "Arrived safely, and family well."

The Fites were given no assurance that they would be able to see Castro, but made the trip in order to see their son and his family, including grandchildren they have never seen.

The couple reached Havana through Mexico City, where they waited for a visa from the Cuban government for two weeks.

Fite, who is pastor of the Rosemont Heights Baptist Church, Waynesboro, earlier had said, "I have one desire in my wish to go to Cuba—to confer with Prime Minister Castro in the interest of the release of my son."

"I know nothing of international relationships and I have no desire to enter into any

vid who was arrested in April, 1965 along with veteran Cuba missionary Herbert Caudill and 51 Cuban Baptist leaders.

The two missionaries were convicted on charges of illegal foreign currency exchange. David, who had worked in Cuba for five years, received a six-year sentence, and Caudill, in Cuba since 1929, received a 10-year sentence.

Caudill, suffering from a detached retina, was released from prison in November,

1966 to seek medical treatment in Havana, where he is living at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fite (she is a school teacher at Waynesboro High School) left Mexico City Saturday, Feb. 25, but the cablegram was sent Monday, Feb. 27 and reached the mission agency the next day.

In his effort to free his son, Fite had worked through Georgia senators, the State Department, and had applied more than a year ago

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM

Pastors' Conference Set

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — In keeping with the convention theme, the 1967 Southern Baptist pastors' conference theme will be "Mandate to Minister." The program will center around the different worlds to which the pastor must address himself in witnessing for Christ.

The pastor, in seeking the strategy for evangelism, will be urged to consider the fact that there are many worlds about him; each existing separately; each needing to be penetrated with the message of Christ.

The program will relate itself to the worlds of the church, the working man, the student, religion, the entertainment world, the world of athletics, the world of government, the world of human relations, the world of foreign mission, and others.

In seeking to use representatives of these particular worlds, the program shall have an unusually large number of featured speakers this year. Among them are Gert Behanna, author of *The Late Lia*, who will speak on the subject, "God Isn't Dead."

Mrs. Behanna's address will be Monday morning. Monday evening Anita Bryant, actress and recording star, will sing and give her testimony. James Jeffrey, executive director of the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will speak on "Witnessing to the World of Athletics."

Gary Player, one of the few golfers to win the four major world golf tournaments, will receive an award jointly from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the pastors' conference for his contribution to wholesome athletics in the past decade.

Tuesday morning Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of Chemistry, University of Tennessee, will speak on "Christianity and World Issues." Senator Mallory Horne of Florida will speak on "The Need for the Minister in the World of Government."

Dr. Samuel Proctor, president of the Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D. C., will speak on "Ministering to the World of Human Relations."

Dr. Charles Wellborn, Chaplain for Florida State University, will speak on "The Minister Addresses Himself to the World of the Student." Dr. William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern

Seminary, will be speaking on "The World of Religious Authority."

Dr. W. A. Criswell will bring the closing address Tuesday afternoon, "A Heart to Care and a Spirit to Try." This year the election of officers will be on Monday afternoon. George Starke, Tallahassee, Florida, will be in charge of the music for the conference. Russell Newport will be a featured soloist.

A special feature of the pastors' conference this year (Continued on page 2)

Dehoney Issues Statement On Catholic "Invitation"

Wide publicity has been given to a story concerning Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., former president of the SBC, and North American Coordinator of the 1969 Crusade for the Americas, in which he is supposed to have invited Roman Catholics to participate in the Crusade. This statement was reported

by a Dallas, Texas, news story and was responded to in the national Catholic publication, *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Dr. Dehoney has issued a statement which makes clear that he did not make any kind of formal invitation for Roman Catholics to participate in the crusade. The part of the telephone interview (Continued on page 2)

Church Building Conferences Set

Twin church building conferences have been scheduled for the state, according to Bryant M. Cummings, secretary of the Sunday School Department, sponsoring agency.

The first conference will be held at First Church, Crystal Springs, March 14 with the second set for Calvary Church, Tupelo on March 16.

Both conferences will be held from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m.

James Cottle, architectural supervisor, and Ellis B. Evans, consultant, both of the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will (Continued on page 2)

Can Two Really Walk Together Except They Be Agreed?

(Editor's Note: Before reading this feature, the reader should read the story immediately above this statement, in which an explanation of the Dehoney "invitation" is given. The following article was scheduled for publication before the above story was received, and since it deals mainly with the differences between Baptists and Roman Catholics in their teachings concerning salvation, we feel that it is most timely, although the statement involved has been clarified.)

By Bob Ramsay, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Brookhaven
Last week when I received the February 19 issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, which is the National Catholic Ecumenical Weekly magazine, and saw the front-page headlines "Baptist Invite Catholic Participation," in the Crusade of the Americas, I was utterly amazed and somewhat confused. According to the article, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of the Coordinators for the North American phases of the Crusade of the Americas, was quoted as saying, "I think it would be marvelous for the Roman

Catholics to take part in this great evangelism activity."

It was pointed out that 100,000 churches and fifteen million Baptists in twenty-six countries would be involved in this monolithic crusade. The article after presenting the commendable attitude of Dr. Dehoney towards Catholics, closed by quoting him as saying, "... that the added strength of the Catholic Church in participating in an Evangelistic Campaign with churches in both North and South America would result in great value to Christianity in general."

According to news reports Dr. Dehoney made the statement in an interview with a reporter in Dallas, Texas. In the interview Dr. Dehoney emphasized that his remarks were not intended to support any theoretical "super-church" or monolithic ecclesiastical group embracing Catholics, Baptists and others.

Right in the middle of the first column of the article in *Our Sunday Visitor* a note is inserted referring to an editorial opinion in another sec-

tion of the magazine by Dale Francis. In the second paragraph of the editorial, Mr. Francis called into question the wisdom of such a united effort, and then points out while it is good for Baptists to reach the unchurched in Latin America (the major fields for the crusade), "It seems obvious that Catholics couldn't

join in with a campaign to proselyte Catholics from their own faith." Certainly this makes sense from the Catholic point of view. Mr. Francis urged that "Baptists make clear that they do not intend to proselyte. Let them make clear to their evangelists that they want Catholics to be ap-

proached by Catholics, and what Dr. Dehoney proposes could very well come about."

Amos inquired, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3. I do not know what Dr. Dehoney was thinking when he invited the Catholics to participate in the Crusade. But this I do believe: we will not get very far in reaching and winning lost people to Christ by presenting such a contradictory plan of salvation (implied by such a united effort) which is both unbiblical and illogical. On the vital doctrine of salvation, Baptists and Catholics are poles apart.

Points To Supposition

To point out how logical Mr. Francis was in saying "No" by implication to the invitation, consider this supposition. A Baptist witnesses to a lost person one day, urging him to repent of his sins, accept Christ as his Saviour, confess Him before men, (Continued on page 2)



Dr. Jack Lyall, head of Division of Fine Arts at Mississippi College, goes over music score with two young people at State Baptist Music Tournament held at the college March 24. From left: Don C. Hall, secretary of Church Music Department, tournament sponsor; Annalee Flowers, Kilmichael; Johnny Flowers, Terry; Dr. Lyall and Major McDaniel, Naches, tournament coordinator.

Dehoney Issues Statement

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with the reporter which related to Roman Catholics is as follows:

Question: "Are other denominations involved?"

Answer: "No, only Baptists of this hemisphere."

Question: "Would you welcome other denominations to participate?"

Answer: "Certainly, we would be happy to see a spirit

of revival and evangelism break out in all denominations. Considerable interest has been expressed by Southern Presbyterians and Methodists, for example. I talked with some of them at the World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin. They are interested in what Baptists are doing in the Crusade of the Americas."

Question: "What about Roman Catholics, would you welcome them?"

Answer: "Why, I think it would be wonderful if Roman Catholics would enter into an evangelistic crusade preach-

ing the New Testament doctrine of grace and following a pattern of New Testament evangelism."

Question: "I hardly think they would be interested, but what you are saying is that you would welcome them, then?"

Answer: "I would be happy to see Roman Catholics preaching the gospel in a New Testament pattern of evangelism."

Question: "Isn't this attitude on your part toward Roman Catholics relatively new?"

Answer: "Yes."

Question: "What brought this about?"

Answer: "I have been impressed by the changes in spirit and attitude since the Second Vatican Council. Unquestionably, there is something happening inside the Catholic Church. I am greatly encouraged by the things I see and hear. I feel that this new spirit is very worthwhile. As far as working together and having contact with other Christians, I have no difficulty in seeking and having fellowship with anyone else who is a sincere follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, regardless of what denomination they might be."

The Roman Catholic publication, Our Sunday Visitor, featured the story and the editor stated that Catholics might consider participation if Baptists would agree not to seek to proselyte Catholics, but would work only on Baptists and the non-churches.

In an open letter to the editor of the Catholic Publication, Dr. Dehoney replied, in part, "there are millions of people in the Americas who may claim a nominal identification with some church or denominational body who do not have and would not claim to have a vital relationship with the living God or assurance of personal salvation through faith in the Jesus Christ. The object of our evangelism is to preach the gospel to 'the unsaved,' whether they be 'unchurched' or 'nominally churched.' For we believe that it is the individual's relationship to Jesus Christ, and not his relationship to any church (Baptist or otherwise) that is the basis for his salvation."

"So, as you see, our clear objective in the Crusade of the Americas is not to win men to another but to call unredeemed men to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We would welcome all who love our Saviour, and seek to follow him as Lord, to 'walk beside us' in this challenging objective to preach the gospel of personal redemption through faith in Christ to every creature in this hemisphere in the Crusade of the Americas in 1969."

A taxpayer is one who does not have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

Women have more problems than men. In the first place, they have to put up with men.



BAPTISTS ATTENDING an evangelistic clinic at the Baptist high school in Nyeri, Kenya, pray for God's blessing upon evangelistic campaigns to be held in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda in October. Other clinics were conducted at the Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa, Arusha, Tanzania, and at a village church near Mbale, Uganda. Approximately 180 pastors, laymen, and Southern Baptist missionaries attended the clinics.

All Religions Face Extinction in China

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (RNS) — The Red Guards are making life harder than ever for 10 million Chinese Muslims and the remaining vestiges of Christianity.

This is a diplomatic consensus here, pieced together from on-the-spot "wall poster reading," diplomatic travelers in Communist China, and boastful admissions broadcast by various local radio stations on the China mainland.

They all point to the fact that with the growing rampart of the "proletarian cultural revolution" unleashed by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the facade of religious tolerance in Communist China has crumbled. It is clear now, these diplomatic informants say, that Buddhists, Christians and Muslims alike suffer intensified persecution.

The insecurity of the once seemingly promoted Chinese Muslims, who were to attract cooperation for the regime in the Moslem-dominated countries of Asia and Africa, has particularly increased since the Red Guards declared war on "all old ideals, culture, customs and habits." Branding all religions as feudal, the Red Guards have denounced Islam in their wall posters, and have committed vandalism in a number of mosques.

Reports from Peking tell of posters demanding "close all mosques." Others would "disperse religious associations," and still others "abolish the study of Koran and 'abolish marriage within the faith.'"

According to Indian government sources in New Delhi, the anti-religious aspect of the Red Guard campaign reached such intensity a few months ago that the Peking regime has tried to tone down the overt anti-religious activities in order to placate its few remaining friends abroad.

However, reports from inside the strife-torn mainland indicate that these guarded appeals have gone mostly unheeded. Judging by Communist radio broadcasts and western travelers' accounts of the recent course of the "cultural revolution," the anti-religious campaign continues unabated.

In the past there had in-

variably been a continent of Buddhist monks present at China's National Day celebrations in Peking. This year, however, the monks were noticeably absent. This is viewed by some Far Eastern specialists here as a sign that the Buddhists in China are high on the purge list.

In Peking, where Christians number less than 20,000, the Red Guards took over some churches as far back as August 1966. At the South Cathedral, which represents the main Catholic center in the capital, red flags fly from the dome and the west tower. Windows are shattered, pictures mutilated, slogans painted on the dome and a stone cross chipped away, one Indian diplomatic source said.

At a local Protestant church, the same source continued, the interior was rearranged and a larger-than-life bust of Mao Tse-tung placed in the center. Pictures of Mao and other "cultural revolution" leaders, as well as red flags and banners were hung on the walls.

Mrs. Sallee Dies

Mrs. W. Eugene Sallee, of Waco, Tex., emerita Southern Baptist missionary to China, died Wednesday, March 1, the day after her 90th birthday. Funeral services were to be held at First Baptist Church, Waco, on Thursday afternoon, March 2.

Mrs. Sallee and her husband (who died in 1931) were pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries in interior China, where they began Southern Baptist mission work in Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province. Mrs. Sallee directed or taught in a number of Baptist schools, including Kaifeng Baptist College, which she and Dr. Sallee established. She was cited by the governor of the province for her work in famine relief.

Interned by the Japanese during World War II, she was repatriated to the States in 1942. She retired in 1947, after 42 years of mission service.

The former Annie Jenkins, Mrs. Sallee came from a prominent Texas Baptist family. Her grandfather, James R. Jenkins, helped bring the first Baptist home missionaries to Texas, during the days of the Republic of Texas, and her father, Warwick H. Jenkins, a lawyer and judge, was for many years a Baptist deacon and a trustee of Baylor University, Waco. Her sister Josephine was the wife of Dr. George W. Truett.



PAUL NUNNERY, (second from right), superintendent of Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, is shown with a group of child care executives from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention at their February meeting in New Orleans. They are, from left, R. C. Campbell, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas; John C. Warr, general manager of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, Atlanta; R. C. Wagoner, president of North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, Thomasville; Truman Maxey, executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Child Care, Oklahoma City; Nunnery; and Vernon S. Sparrow, superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C.

Edmunds Resigns At Stetson

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rupted attention to every available opportunity of service and all sources of support.

"Unfortunately, I cannot continue to offer that sort of aggressive leadership," Edmunds said in the letter of resignation to board chairman Doyle E. Carlton, former governor of Florida.

Edmunds also said he needed to spend more time in the management of timber holdings in California, in fairness to the families of two business associates who have looked after his business affairs in California while he devoted his time to college affairs in Florida.

Edmunds did not mention the recent controversy between Stetson and the Florida Baptist Convention which developed last year when Stetson accepted two government grants for building construction.

Although the school is not owned by the convention but rather is controlled by a private self-perpetuating board nominated by the convention, many Florida Baptists strongly opposed the federal grants.

At the convention in November, Stetson's budget allocation was reduced, and a motion was adopted saying all budget support would be dropped from any Baptist institution which accepted federal grants in the future.

Edmunds, in speeches and in articles, has been a strong advocate of federal aid to Baptist colleges and universities, maintaining it does not violate the Baptist view of the principle of separation of church and state.

The board of trustees, during the meeting when Edmunds' resignation was ac-

cepted, resolved "to see that the school is forever maintained as an independent institution, free of all government and political controls."

Trustees also re-affirmed their desire to provide quality education in a school that "will not hesitate to emphasize moral and religious truths; a school that will be profoundly Christian but not sectarian."

The trustees appointed a five-member committee to select a new president, with Charles W. Campbell, former chairman of the Florida Development Commission, selected as chairman.

In his resignation statement, Edmunds said he would continue as president until his successor arrives, and "I shall be available to assist him in any way that I can."

Schools Urged to Lead Baptist-Jewish Dialogue

NASHVILLE (BP)—A Jewish rabbi, speaking to the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion meeting here, urged Baptist colleges and seminaries to open their doors to Jewish scholars for courses in Jewish studies as a major thrust of a "Baptist-Jewish dialogue."

Rabbi Arthur Gilbert of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York called for better understanding of the beliefs held by Christians and Jews, and urged educational institutions to take the lead in the dialogue.

"That you have invited me to consider the movement toward a Jewish-Southern Baptist dialogue marks a genuine thrust forward in our relationship," Rabbi Gilbert told the Baptist religion professors.

"We have too long lived together separately in the United States," he said. "We have talked about each other, but not often have we talked to each other."

Rabbi Gilbert observed that relationships between Christians and Jews in the United States have been characterized by tension and separatism, often resulting in misunderstanding.

Stating that following desegregation crises, Jews were branded as the brains and money behind a plot to mongrelize the races, Rabbi Gilbert added that 20 incidents of Swastika desecration of Jewish synagogues still take place each week in some part of the United States.

"When the Christian, who is really Christian, views these events, he shudders in horror and protests his deep love for the Jews."

"But that love, itself, is conditional," he added. Many Christians confess their love for Jews "and then in the next breath contend that Judaism is defective, incomplete, inadequate—and unless Jews receive the Word they are doomed to damnation. That kind of love is not easy to accept."

Fite's Parents...

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through the Czechoslovakian Embassy for a visa.

David's wife, Margaret (who is a daughter of the Caudills), has remained in Havana with their young sons, James David, John Daniel, and Mark Joseph. Mark was born the month before David was arrested.

The elder Fites are staying with Margaret.

S' eastern Changes Degree Name

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) —The board of trustees for Southeastern Seminary here voted to change the name of the seminary's basic degree from "bachelor of divinity" to "master of divinity."

The action was taken upon the recommendation of the seminary's faculty and is in accord with the recommendation of the American Association of Theological Schools. The new degree will require three years of study beyond the bachelor of arts or science degree from a college or university. It will combine professional training and graduate study.

The master of theology degree will be maintained for the seminary's graduate program. The new nomenclature will become effective with the fall semester of 1967.

Wright Resigns As Union President

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP)—F. E. Wright, president of Union University (Baptist) here since 1963, has resigned to become president of a new jun-

ior college in Jackson. Wright's resignation is effective April 1. He will become president of the Jackson State Community College here, a new school which is being organized. Wright, 51, served for nine years as academic dean for Union before becoming president.

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and follow the Lord in Baptism as an act of obedience. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The following day in this united effort, a Catholic priest witnesses to the same lost person. Among some of the things which he would say is that the subject must be baptized to be saved, must confess his sins to the priest, must do penance for his sins, must pray to Mother Mary, etc. Here the emphasis is upon "doing" or "merit" rather than that of trusting in Jesus (John 3:16). What would the subject think under these cir-

cumstances? If he were intelligent he would conclude that either the witness of the evangelical was wrong, or the Catholic priest was wrong, and accept one or the other alternatives, or forget the whole thing.

Baptists believe that the Bible teaches that baptism is a symbol, setting forth the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord; likewise it is a symbol of the experience in Christ of salvation of the believer, who, having died to the old life, is quickened or raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:1-5; Col. 2:12). To the Catholics baptism is a sacrament—the basic means of salvation. Further, while we believe that the believer in Christ is justified by faith,

the whole penitential system of the Catholic Church relies on the scheme of salvation by merit. Merited salvation was being preached thousands of years before Christ was born. For example, the Egyptian Book of the Dead portrays the soul entering the judgment hall of Osiris, reciting his good deeds in justification for his presence. Catholics believe that God is the Giver of the Gift of Salvation but the sinner must prove himself worthy to receive it by saying his prayers, making contributions of money or taking a religious pilgrimage to Rome or some other sacred shrine, and submitting to all the sacraments, etc.

Baptists Need To Beware
How can two walk together

except they be agreed? Here Baptists need to beware. The ecumenical movement is making its impact upon even Southern Baptists; and in the future we will hear and read more calls for closer cooperation with the Catholic Church. But I have yet to see one, just one, point where the Official Leaders of Catholicism have renounced, modified, or altered their basic doctrine. The Pope is still the Vicar of Christ, the Roman Church is still the Vicar of Christ, the Roman Church is still the Mother of the Bible, salvation is still by works: What shall we do then? Unlike the Catholics? Of course not. I have many wonderful friends who are Catholics. I respect their convictions, and any person

who accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord through repentance and faith, be he Protestant or Catholic, Greek or Jew, he is my brother in Christ, in spite of the unbiblical doctrines of his particular faith. But a "Catholic Baptist Wedding in Evangelism" is in fact an impossibility, and while I do not for a moment question the motive of Dr. Dehoney I do question his wisdom. The invitation will not help the Baptist witness of the Gospel throughout the Crusade Countries and particularly in South America.

Who will be next to dull the cutting edge of the Baptist witness? Recently the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida, and the

President of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, invited a Catholic Chaplain (who had to get permission from his Bishop) to preach in his pulpit, and then announced that there are those other than Baptists who are preaching the Gospel. I ask, "What Gospel?" Even a Catholic leader said that this was out of order.

There is no question that all Christians should unite in presenting the claims of Christ to a lost world now being overrun by communism. They need to love and pray for all men and seek to win this lost world to Christ. But to be united in our approach, we must have one source of authority, and not conflicting sources. What source shall it be? The Pope, the Vicar of

Christ, infallible in all matters of religion; or The Traditions of History; or the Bible, God's Holy and Infallible Word?

Unhesitatingly all who recognize the Bible as the sole authority should join hands and hearts with all who faithfully proclaim the Gospel in this all-out effort to evangelize the Americas. It might be the cure for some of the ills of Southern Baptists who are losing ground in baptisms (a decrease four out of the last five years), Sunday School enrollment (decreased the last two years), Training Union enrolment (a drop of approximately 200,000 in the last two years), and other vital areas of our work, along with our efforts to be broad and inclusive and ecumenical.



Korean Training Base Gets Baptist Center

"Hanna, tool, set, net!" These words, the Korean equivalent of the "Hup, two, three, four!" familiar to so many American men, ring out over the parade grounds of South Korea, which has a standing army of 600,000. Baptists are endeavoring to present the gospel of Christ to these Korean soldiers and to minister to their personal, social, and recreational needs.

The third Baptist service-men's center in Korea was recently dedicated at the Korean army induction center at Nonsan. (The other centers are at Wonju and Taejon.)

Already 14,000 soldiers have made use of the new center and 13 of them have made professions of faith in Christ, reports Missionary Rolla M. Bradley (who knows military life from the inside, having served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean war).

The Baptist center, Mr. Bradley explains, is the only recreational facility at the Nonsan base. Built and furnished at a cost of \$10,000 (provided by Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board), it is a place where the men can write letters, read, play games, drink tea, or just relax.

Two Korean Christians witness to the soldiers and counsel those who want to know more about Christ. There men also visit the local army hospitals and jail and give out tracts, Bible portions, and Bible study material.

When weather permits, Baptists show Christian films at the regimental training areas around the Nonsan base. Once more than 7,000 men assembled (and sat on the ground) to view one of these films.

Mr. Bradley says that 219,000 men train at Nonsan each

year. In 1967 each new inductee will receive a Gospel of John with a printed explanation of the way of salvation in Christ. These Gospels have been made available through the Ann Oldham Memorial Trust Fund, which will also provide Gospels to be distributed at the Baptist service-men's centers in Wonju and Taejon.

The Wonju center serves a large military establishment which guards the demilitarized zone between South and North Korea. About 400 men visit that center weekly, and in an average week three of those men make a profession of faith in Christ.

The Taejon center is located across the street from a busy railroad station, convenient for soldiers awaiting trains. Each week about 250 men use its facilities, resulting in an average of one profession of faith per week.

Gilfoy Girls To Speak At Canton, Gville

Teams of students from Gilfoy School of Nursing will visit churches in Greenville and Canton Sunday, March 12, in connection with an extensive public relations program. The student teams have been visiting churches throughout the central part of the state in order to better inform Mississippi Baptists about the Gilfoy School of Nursing.

The students will present programs during the evening worship service in the First Baptist Church of both towns. Accompanying the teams will be local girls who are Gilfoy students. Traveling to Greenville with one group will be Kay Maples, Marjorie Johnson, and Kay Lewis. Assisting with the program at the First Church, Canton are Brenda Purvis of Flora and Vivian McFarland.

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NEW ORLEANS — George E. Estes, Jr., Gulfport attorney, was elected secretary of the Board of Development of New Orleans Seminary during the Board's recent meeting.

Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Development.

Mrs. Cooper is the wife of Owen Cooper, Yazoo City industrialist and member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

President of the Board is Wallace E. Johnson of Memphis, Tenn., president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc.

Baptists Contribute To Library Emphasis

NASHVILLE — As the annual National Library Week emphasis approaches in April, Southern Baptists have just cause to be proud of their part in an effort to bring about a better informed

Trinity, Laurel To Observe 10th Anniversary

Trinity Church, Laurel, will celebrate its tenth anniversary on March 19. Former pastors, Rev. Julian West of Houlika Church, will bring the morning message and Rev. Artis Brewer of Goss Church, will bring the afternoon message in a special service beginning at 1:30 P.M.

There will be lunch served at the church at 12:30.

This church is a product of the missionary endeavor of the Jones County Association with the associational missionary, the late Rev. C. J. Rushing, surveying the community in January 1957.

During these ten years the church has baptized 177 persons and has received 374 by letter and statement. The present resident membership stands at 300.

The evaluation of church property is around \$175,000. Total mission gifts during the ten years amount to more than \$13,000 and total receipts more than \$142,000. The present budget is \$30,000 for 1967.

Rev. Gene Fant, present pastor came to Trinity in September of 1963.

Former members and friends are invited to attend.

America through reading.

Financial and service contributions of secular and denominational organizations including the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have increased the emphasis on NLW annually. Results are significant, and much of the credit may be shared by NLW. Since the first such emphasis in 1958:

—sales of books and the circulation of magazines have doubled;

—book readership (Gallup figures) has risen from 17 to 25 percent;

—library purchases of books and periodicals have risen from \$90 million a year to nearly \$300 million;

—direct Federal aid to libraries has grown from almost nothing to \$250 million in 1966-67.

The National Library Week program cites some significant failures, however, in educating the public to America's great need for reading. Only 12 percent of the nation's population reads 80 percent of the books. In America are 2 million illiterates and 10 million others who cannot read well enough to become effective producers and consumers. Over half the schools in America have no libraries.

The mission of National Library Week is to mobilize public and private resources

to narrow this critical educational and information gap. Proponents of the emphasis believe the best answer to our critics around the world is a well-educated, well-informed people.

The National Library Week program is a voluntary citizen's movement, dedicated to encourage lifetime reading habits, increasing the use of libraries, and expanding the nation's library resources. It is sponsored by the National Book Committee, Inc., a non-profit educational group, in cooperation with the American Library Association.

The Sunday School Board through its church library department has fostered a library emphasis week for many years and has cooperated with National Library Week efforts.

The Sunday School Board has been recommending books for church libraries since 1892. In 1927 the first formal promotion of libraries was begun. By 1930 there were 88 libraries in 17 states. Today there are 15,556 known libraries operating in Southern Baptist churches.

The Sunday School Board's church library department, the 40 Baptist Book Stores and Broadman Press are promoting National Library Week — Church Library Emphasis April 16-22.

CHURCH-STATE Delegates Hear Of "Unfinished Wall"

LOS ANGELES (C-SNS) — The 19th National Conference on Church and State closed here Feb. 15 with a California attorney describing the wall of separation between church and state as one that is still unfinished.

Warren L. Johns of Sacramento, attorney for the California Church-State Council, termed the "criminal-for-a-day" concept of Sunday closing laws a "gaping" hole in a yet unfinished wall of separation. Mr. Johns gave the last major address of the meeting held here Feb. 14, 15.

The conference was sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. More than 800 persons from all across the country attended the two-day meeting. The organization has headquarters in Washington, D. C. and operates three regional offices, one of which is located in this Pacific coast city.

Mr. Johns told his audience: "No law forces stores to open or men to work on Sunday. It is incongruous to force closing with the sting of criminal sanctions." He added that such laws "are a vestigial remnant of colonial-age bigotry and religious intolerance."

Franklin C. Salisbury of Washington, D. C., general counsel for Americans United, told the conference that the conflict for religious liberty has reached the famous point in the Trojan War where things looked all right but were not.

"Many fail to recognize the danger of the deceiving wooden horse of ecumenism," he said. "They do not recognize the agents who speak the praises of inter-church peace as a wedge for war on the constitutional principle of separation of church and state."

The president of a church-related college charged that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 has the effect of "an undeclared establishment of religion."

Mr. Loyed R. Simmons, president of California Baptist College in Riverside, said that if the Act were allowed to stand we "no longer have in America the separation of church and state as envisioned by (Thomas) Jefferson and as guaranteed by the Constitution."

The college administrator said, "Federal appropriations, especially those in support of parochial schools, not only invite but make certain the emergence of that ugly type

of sectarian and creedal conflict which brought about the enactment of the First Amendment, and thus can be viewed realistically only in the light of a most serious and deplorable regressive historical step."

"Explosive Situation" Seen
LOS ANGELES (C-SNS) — A statement here by the staff of Americans United for Separation of Church and State warned that when the churches become too much involved in affairs of the government, and vice versa, the result is a "potentially explosive situation for the churches."

The statement was released at a meeting of the organization's trustees which followed immediately the 19th National Conference on Church and State, Feb. 14, 15.

The report pointed out that the use of public tax funds for worthy church programs alienates the people from the church.

"The prophetic role of the church is dramatically diminished and the people cease to look to it for moral and spiritual leadership," the report read. "Thus the church loses its qualification for what has been one of its basic functions — that of speaking to the state from a position apart from the state."

Says Convictions Eroding
LOS ANGELES (BP) — A steady erosion of convictions relating to the principle of separation of church and state has been taking place in recent years, a top Southern Baptist leader, Foy D. Valentine, said here.

Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, spoke to about 150 ministers attending a Clergyman's Conference held in conjunction with the 19th National Conference on Church and State sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Saying "Freedom is harder to hold than it is to acquire," Valentine called "conviction" the key plank in freedom's platform.

He said the steady erosion of conviction concerning church-state separation has not been of the "guilty type—obvious and dramatic."

"It has been a slow erosion in which infinitesimal amounts of precious topsoil are washed away by the showers of benevolent government and blown away by the winds of religious compromise," Valentine said.

The Life and Work Lessons For April Through June

By Howard P. Colson

The Life and Work Sunday school lesson for April, May, and June, will deal with the church. The aim of the quarter's lessons is to help class members realize more fully the nature and functions of the church as the body of Christ. The opening lesson is a study of Christ himself in terms of his universal lordship. It points up the fact that Christ, who is creator and Lord of the universe, is also head of the church, which is his body.

This is followed by a two-lesson unit on Christ's establishment and commissioning of his church. Three sessions are then devoted to the life and work of the church in the first century. Bible material up to this point includes selected passages from Colossians, Matthew, John, Acts, and Romans.

The last seven lessons deal with Christ's ideal for his church and consist of continuous studies in Ephesians 1:1 to 4:16.

There is a very practical purpose in all of the lessons. First of all, they are aimed at strengthening the conviction of members that Christ established his church and expects it to carry forward his mission in the world.

The lessons also seek to lead members to comprehend the distinctiveness of the life that characterized the early church and to recognize that the life of the church of today should be of the same kind.

Finally, the lessons have the purpose of helping mem-

bers to catch a vision of Christ's ideal for his church and to commit themselves to helping their church become what Christ wants it to be.

The lesson materials will carry suggestions of possible individual, Sunday School, and church actions which will carry out the meaning of the Bible truth in practical application. Such actions as the following are included:

1. Study and reaffirm our commitment to God
2. Cooperate in a study of how the fellowship of our church may be strengthened
3. Lead members to study seriously the meaning of a church covenant
4. Establish improved plans for introducing new members into church covenant relationships
5. Plan to lead all members to attend congregational worship services
6. Cooperate in the church's to the lordship of Christ
7. Study the church's various activities and the activities of its organizations in order to discover the extent to which these are actually contributing to the fulfillment of God's purpose for the church
8. Self-examination by the individual member in order to determine what he is doing or should be doing to help himself and his church to become more Christlike

evaluation of its relationship
History's most successful racing yacht was Britannia (1893-1935), owned by King George V, which won 231 races in 625 starts.



CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES—Ministry, Mrs. David Seal, leading in children's activities at the Teahwood Baptist Center, Atlanta, Ga. Baptist Center work, literacy, juvenile rehabilitation, and work with migrants are included in the Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board. (Home Board Photo.)

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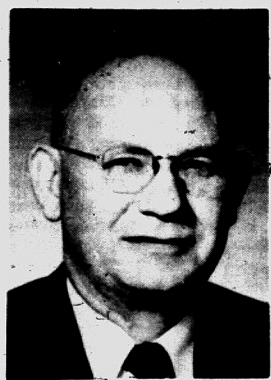
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Can Man's Soul Be Found?

(The Sunday Times, Philadelphia)

Another university is going to try to find out if man has a soul. This time it's Northern Arizona University in Phoenix, which is claiming the will of an old gold prospector, James Kidd, who left \$116,000 for research into the matter.

Who do you think is going to conduct the investigation? Should it be the biologists? Could they find out if there's more to man than his physical body? What about the chemists? Could some researcher stumble on to a chemical analysis that would reveal traces of the soul? Or maybe the psychologists. Probably not, because they've pretty well decided in advance against the existence of the soul.

Well, the university proposes to establish a chair of philosophy to conduct the investigation. Supposing they get the will, how do you think the philosophers will prove whether or not man has a soul? What James Kidd wanted to find out was whether or not anything that could be called a soul actually leaves the body at death.

It's hard to imagine intelligent researchers spending time and money on such a fruitless quest, and one wonders whether or not the university is simply proposing the investigation to get the money. No amount of

laboratory study will answer the question. The soul can't be seen, felt, tasted, or measured by any devices known to man.

How would you go about proving there is such a thing as truth, goodness, or beauty? Here again we see the futility of man's mind that has been darkened by his refusal to acknowledge God as his creator and lord of his life. The existence of the soul defies laboratory proof, and what Northern Arizona University is proposing is a wild goose chase.

But then what evidence do we have for the soul? How can you convince a person there is something more to life than the purely physical and material? Many people today really believe life for man is the same as an animal's—you live your allotted time on earth, and that's the end. The answer comes from our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I tell you, a time is coming... when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God." At creation God made man a living soul. Man's flesh is as grass, but his soul—unseen by the naked eye, and undiscoverable by biologists, chemists, psychologists, and philosophers—continues forever. Some will rise to life when those in the grave hear Christ's voice, and others will rise to hear their doom.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Fair And Equitable

(Baptist Message, La.)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted last week to recommend to the Convention in Miami that Bylaw 18 of the SBC be amended, to read as follows:

"All such co-operating states having 25,000 members shall have representation on the Executive Committee and the four major boards. Automatic representation on the trustees or the directors of the other agencies shall be given when the members of Bap-

tist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and that state convention exceed 100,000.

"Each agency, with the exception of the Executive Committee and the four major boards and except for those where the membership is specifically set by the charter or Convention action, shall have five trustees or directors-at-large elected from states having 25,000 members but not having 100,000 members. The Committee on Boards shall seek to rotate this representation from these states on the various agencies. This amendment shall not limit the term of any trustee or director currently in office, but he shall serve until the end of the term for which he was elected."

Why the recommendation? Today there are ten state conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention that have a combined Baptist population of a half million, while there are eleven states that have a total population of eight and one-half million. Each of the ten states has the same representation on all of the boards and agencies of the Convention as do the eleven.

This is not equitable. Since Southern Baptists place so much emphasis on being democratic, the amendment to Bylaw 18 is not unfair. It represents a study of two years and it should be adopted. If the problem is not rectified by the messengers to Miami, it will only be accentuated in the future, as the yet unborn state conventions emerge.

"Enthusiasm is infectious—and so is lack of it."

"When we become partners with God in His work, He becomes a partner with us in our work."

"He who does what he should will not have time to do what he should not."

A wise man will MAKE more opportunities than he FINDS.



In a February 6 message to Congress, President Johnson recommended federal grants to states, cities, and regional and metropolitan bodies to assist them to develop better police, courts, and correctional systems. To deal with the growing problem of alcoholism, the message recommended "that drunkenness should be regarded as a criminal offense only when it is accompanied by disorderly conduct. Today, one-third of all arrests are for drunkenness. Two million arrests for drunkenness burden the police, clog the lower courts, and crowd places of detention. If, instead of treating drunkenness as an ordinary crime, local authorities chose to create a civil detoxification program, the consequences of that choice would be felt throughout the law enforcement and correction system."

The American Divorce rate has hovered around the 400,000 - a year level since World War II, according to a Newsweek report (February 13, 1967 issue). Marriages of long duration are experiencing more divorces currently, with forty percent of all ruptured marriages today having lasted ten years or more. Thirteen percent have survived more than twenty years. Court records indicate that money, sex, and incompatibility are the prime reasons for divorce on all ages and classes. There is evidence that the female imagination has been captured by the sexual revolution, with its emphasis on happiness over family solidarity.

Popular spy stories are being made into Russian movies with a U. S. secret agent (a James Bond type) as the "villain." This is a very recognizable character, specializing in rape, theft, murder and other vicious activities, in competition with Soviet counter-spies who are even more skilled and attractive but of high moral character and attentive to the needs and the care of the helpless and the young of all races and classes — (Between the Lines, November 1, 1966 issue).

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)
March 12—W. C. Gann, superintendent of missions, Prentiss-Tishomingo Counties; Clarence Cutrell, superintendent of missions, Rankin County.
March 14—D. L. Daniel, faculty, Mississippi College; Louis Dollarhide, faculty, Mississippi College.
March 15—Hilda Jane Ables, Baptist Book Store; Hugh T. Smith, staff, Children's Village.
March 16—Bruce G. Jolly, Northwest Junior College, Baptist student director; Bennie T. Warren, Perkins Junior College, Baptist student director.
March 17—Mrs. Gail Tindler, Baptist Building; Mrs. Marilyn Tinnermon, Baptist Building.
March 18—Mrs. James L. Spencer, Clarke College faculty; James H. Street, Clarke College faculty.
March 19—James L. Travis, Blue Mountain College faculty; Mrs. Louise H. Griffith, William Carey College faculty.

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A Matter Of Living Sermons

I once knew a young man in Missouri who was a dedicated witness to the power of Christ to save. He was untrained, but that did not stop him. He was over-bold and persistent, but I had to admire his zeal and courage. One of his practices was to stand on a traffic island when people were waiting for and exiting from street cars. There he handed out tracts and Gospels of John engaging, if possible, every person in conversation.

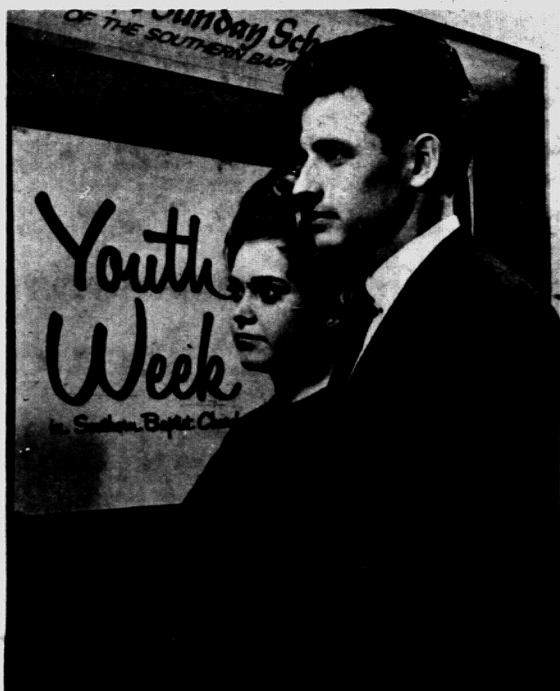
During his working hours the ardent youth would deliver sermons in his panel truck spending as much time as possible with customers talking about the Saviour. He later went back to school and became an effective preacher of the Word.

Now this is one way to do it. Mind you, I am not criticizing him. I glory in his spirit! Would that more people were as zealous. But this account is not the burden of my present talk with you. You see, I know a man who was impervious to all such approaches. Let me tell you about him.

He is a tall, nice looking guy with personality. He will never have trouble making the grade anywhere because he has what it takes. He was sure he did not need what personal workers had to offer. He was not rude; never discourteous; he just politely brushed people off when they opened the subject of religious faith and church membership. He was not really against Christianity; he just didn't need anything more than he had.

To the surprise of many people this man recently walked down the aisle publicly confessing Christ as Lord. His testimony was a simple one. Some time before a young man had come to work in his department. Day after day he observed the manner of life of this newcomer. Never was there an off-color story, never a profane or unbecoming word; not once did he compromise his Christian position. He was quiet, not argumentative. His faith kept shining through every day's activities. Said the man, "I could have met his arguments with strong ones of my own, but I could not meet the influence of his life without knowing that I had to have the same Lord."

There are many ways of presenting truth. But there is a power in living truth that is beyond compare. In the New Testament the word "conversion" is used to mean "manner of life." The apostle Paul was writing to the Philippians about living sermons when he wrote: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ." Go on, pass out tracts, speak to people wherever you find them, proclaim the Word at every opportunity; but never forget, there



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SPIRITUAL MATH

By Ebbie C. Smith
Missionary to Indonesia

The arithmetic of the slogan "1 plus 1 equals 140, 1 plus 1 equals 8,000" is admittedly off. But Baptists of Indonesia are convinced it is sound evangelism. They have adopted it as the goal for their nationwide evangelistic crusade in 1967.

This slogan contains a challenge for every Baptist church and every Baptist in Indonesia: "1 plus 1 equals 140" challenges each of the 70 churches to start a new chapeau preaching point during the year, and "1 plus 1 equals 8,000" challenges each of the 4,000 Baptists to lead at least one person to faith in Christ.

"New Life in Jesus," the crusade theme, emphasizes the conviction that the Holy Spirit will work the miracle of new birth in Indonesian lives with special power in 1967. Evangelistic harvest is ripe among the more than 100,000 Indonesians, of whom only four of every 100 are Christians. Approximately 80,000,000 people—more than 75,000,000 non-Christians—live on Java and Sumatra, the two of Indonesia's 3,000 islands in which Southern Baptist missionaries serve.

Two years ago, when the Indonesian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) asked Missionary Edward O. Sanders to lead in planning for a nationwide crusade in 1967, conditions did not seem promising for such an effort. The steady growth of communist influence even cast doubt on the possibility of continuing mission work.

Then came the failure of the communist coup in October, 1965. The Muslim resurgence which followed has

not filled the vacuum left by the communist downfall. The field awaits the reaper, and abundant harvest is assured. It is providential that Baptists have planned their most ambitious and far-reaching evangelistic effort for this time.

In 1966, Ed Sanders called together a carefully selected steering committee of Indonesians and missionaries. They laid definite plans for the crusade and delegated these plans to subcommittees. The prayer committee inaugurated a giant prayer movement, and prayer calendars were provided to guide Baptists in intercession for the crusade. Packets of Bible verses were distributed for a Scripture memory movement. Mass meetings in various cities informed and inspired Baptists concerning the crusade.

In January, 1967, pastors and other leaders from every church and chapel gathered at the Baptist theological seminary in Semarang for "preparation week," led by Evangelist Gregorio Tingson, of the Philippines, and Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. In February and March crusade clinics in various cities will prepare local church members. Each church is being encouraged to sponsor study of a book on evangelism. Through musical concerts, newspaper and radio advertising, and other publicity methods, the crusade will be brought to public attention.

Then in May, June, and July the evangelistic meetings will be held. Definite plans have already been made for effective follow-up.

Baptist work in Indonesia is still young—the first Southern Baptist missionaries to this land arrived on Christmas Day, 1861. Indonesia's young Baptists look for exciting miracles this year. Join us in praying the Lord may use

SOUTHERN BAPTIST WITNESS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN EMPIRE by O. L. Bayless (Rocky Mountain Baptist, paper, 219 pp.)

The story of the Colorado Baptist General Convention in its ten years of history, 1955-1965. A thrilling record of the Southern Baptist beginnings in the area, the men who planted the work, the great faith that carried them forward, and the way that God has made this truly a "Decade of Progress". This convention serves a five and one-half state area, and has planted Southern Baptist witness in all of the great empire stretching from Colorado north to Montana and the Dakotas.

A CHRISTIAN LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO PUBLIC SPEAKING by H. C. Brown, Jr. Broadman Press, paperback, 76 pp., \$1.75.

If a person hesitates to speak because of not knowing how to go about it, or because of lack of training, this is the book for him. It tells how to choose a topic, how to begin on an assigned topic, how to adapt to the occasion and audience, how to relate to the audience, how to discover speech ideas, how to file speech ideas for future use, where to go for help, how to make a speech outline, and many other helpful, practical suggestions. Dr. Brown is professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary.

CHAPEL MESSAGES — Compiled by H. C. Brown, Jr. and Charles P. Johnson, (Baker, 143 pp., \$2.50)

A collection of thirteen messages delivered in the daily chapel services of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, selected from hundreds of messages delivered and recorded in the past few years. These selections are by professors, pastors, denominational leaders, editors and laymen. They are on varied themes, but represent a good cross section of present day preaching and spiritual emphasis.

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Another in the \$1.00 Sermon Library published by Baker. These are messages by the preacher on the Revivaltime Radio Broadcast of the Assemblies of God. These eighteen evangelistic messages were selected from the hundreds Mr. Ward has preached on the radio program.

our lives so that, by his power, 4,000 Indonesians may find new life in Christ in 1967.

Newest In Books

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VITAL WORDS OF THE BIBLE by J. M. Furness (Eerdmans, 128 pp., paper \$2.25).

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MIRACLES YESTERDAY AND TODAY REAL AND COUNTERFEIT by Benjamin B. Warfield (Eerdmans, 327 pp., paper \$2.25).

A paper back reprint of a book first published nearly fifty years ago. The messages were lectured delivered at Columbia Theological Seminary in South Carolina, and the original title was Counterfeit Miracles. This is a careful study of the claims of miracle working among Christian groups from post-apostolic times to the present. The author deals with Roman Catholic miracles, faith healing, mind cure, and other claims of miracle working. He admits the problems but also shows the weakness of many of the claims. The whole subject is considered in the light of scriptural revelation, and the book is thorough.

ly documented from many writers on the subject throughout Christian history. A revealing and valuable study of a timely theme.

YOU CHOOSE A CROSS by Leon Macon (Baker, 107 pp., paper, \$1.00)

Twelve sermons by the late Leon Macon, former editor of the Alabama Baptist, and at one time pastor in Mississippi. The book title is taken from the first sermon in the series. All of Bro. Macon's sermons are scripturally based, sound in doctrine, clear in application, and well illustrated. An introductory statement accompanies each of the messages telling where it was preached. Here are sermons used in revivals, at baccalaureate services, at associations, to the Alabama convention, and in other occasions. These sermons reveal that this outstanding Bible preacher at his best.

AMOS—A Study Guide by David Garland (Zondervan, 96 pp., paper \$1.00)

The author is a professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. After an introduction of the prophet, the author gives a section by section exposition, in which he reveals the great truths of the prophet's message, and applies them to modern life.

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NOW, DO YOU HAVE A RINGER FOR HIS FINGER, TOO?

New Grading System Set By SBC Agencies

NASHVILLE (BP) — Three agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention have joined in presentation of a new grading system for church program organizations in Baptist churches.

The grading system, to take effect Oct. 1, 1970, has been approved by the elected members of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, the SBC Brotherhood Commission, and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The new plan of grading will affect persons from birth through age 17 (graduation from high school). Generally, the plan follows grading used by public school systems.

During a meeting of the SBC Sunday School Board here, one of the elected board members said that the reception of the new system by most SBC churches will probably be like a present television commercial. "What took you so long."

The new plan calls for four essential divisions for each church, no matter how small or how large: preschool division — birth through 5 (entrance into school); children's division — age 6 (grade 1) through age 11 (grade 6); youth division — age 12 (grade 7) through age 17 (grade 12); and persons beyond 17.

Further work is being done

on the grading patterns within the latter division.

An example of the options available to a church is shown in the children's division. Those age 6 through 11 could be grouped together in one group in a small church. A second pattern would have ages 6 through 8 grouped together, and ages 9 through 11 together. A third arrangement would group ages 6 and

7, 8 and 9, and 10 and 11. The fourth pattern would have every age from 6 through 11 in a separate group.

Churches may move from any one of the patterns to any of the others, and may have different patterns for different divisions, depending upon the numbers of people represented in the various age groups.

The 1970 date has been set to give churches an opportunity to make the necessary plans for an orderly transition, and to make possible the preparation of curriculum materials, training helps, and organizational assistance.

Members of church educational organizations will be classified in the following manner:

Preschoolers according to the local school system's classification date, children according to their school grade, youth according to their school grade, and those beyond high school age, using Jan. 1 for classification date. In churches with sufficient numbers of college students their college classification may be used.

Annual promotion date will be the first Sunday in October.

"The new system will make it possible for all churches to use their buildings to the fullest. Buildings being planned will not require major changes because of the flexibility of the proposal," said W. A. Harrell, head of the board's church architecture department.

Further details will be announced as they are worked out by church program organization leaders and agency heads.

THREE AT TIPLERSVILLE GET AWARDS

Richard Meeks, Sunday school superintendent at Tiplersville Church, announces that three members there have earned eleven-year pins for perfect attendance at Sunday school. The three, all members of one family, are Nathan Hopper, his wife, Mrs. Scotia Hopper, and their daughter, Wanda Hopper. Rev. Earl Floyd is the Tiplersville pastor.

Bermudians Dial For Prayer Help

An elderly woman in Bermuda, feeling keenly the death of her husband, picked up the telephone and dialed 075.

"Hello," came the slightly drawling voice of the pastor of First Baptist Church. "I am glad you rang Dial A Prayer. This indicates you wish God's help." The recorded message went on to explain a little of the purpose of prayer, voiced a prayer of praise, thanks, and petition for forgiveness, strength, and wisdom; and suggested that for further spiritual help the caller consult the list of churches in the telephone directory.

Dial A Prayer in Bermuda was initiated by the Bermuda Telephone Company, Ltd., reports Southern Baptist Missionary Robert L. Harris, pastor of First Church. The company offered to provide the service if the Bermuda Ministerial Association would supply tapes of two-minute messages and prayers.

"When I first entered the little recording booth, I had a very definite sense of communion with Christ," says Mr. Harris. "But I did not anticipate that during its first week the service would keep three automatic answering machines busy day and night answering 1,810 calls. After two months the service is averaging nearly 100 calls a day."

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Recollections Of The Baptist Record Under Editor P. I. Lipsey, Part IV

By John J. Lipsey

When, in April of 1912, I came to be my father's, Editor P. I. Lipsey's, hired hand on The Baptist Record, at Jackson, Mississippi, my duties were to do whatever he told me to do. I did not clean the windows and scrub the floor and polish up the handle of the big front door, but I did practically everything else that was to be done—within my limitations. I fetched the mail, I ran errands, I greeted visitors, I opened the mail, answered what correspondence I could, entered subscriptions, mailed receipts, deposited the little money we took in, did what crude book-keeping we did, made a list of the advertisements that were to go into each issue, sold some of the remainders

of books bought long ago — selling them at half price or less; and "sat" the office when he was away.

One of the first chores assigned to me was sending out statements on postal cards for past-due subscriptions. (In those days a subscription was considered to be in effect until the subscriber wrote in to say stop.) Some of these subscribers, as I have said, were five years in arrears. For these I bought some "collection letters" and got tough, though we never sued anybody. The results from these were satisfactory, often enabling us to keep on paying the printers.

Few will remember now, I suppose, that the years between 1912 and 1917 were in the South years of depression.

They were especially so with persons of limited capital and experience, such as ourselves, persons bent on expanding a trifling business. Cotton was so cheap that Jackson business men each agreed to (and did) buy a bale of the fibre at 10 cents a pound, well above the market price, to help the farmers get the price boosted. These bales were set on the sidewalks of the places of business. Cotton was so cheap that it was not worth stealing. The Baptist Record's bale was standing in front of our store and office at that time at 100 East Capitol St., until I went to the war in Texas. I wonder what became of it. This noble experiment failed, but after war was declared in April of 1917, business picked up. However, the pick-up came too late to crown my endeavors.

To get back to our old office on the second floor of the Capitol National Bank Building: One day, early in November of 1912 (I think), we did not have enough money on hand or in sight to pay the printer for printing next week's paper. Father and I were both depressed. That night I took to my home in Clinton some mail I had not had time to look over. One of these pieces of mail was a letter from the John C. Winston Company of Philadelphia, which enclosed a picture of a Bible the company was offering at \$1.15 a copy, postpaid. It was a handsome-looking book, full morocco, divinity circuit, red under gold edges, with "helps" in the back. I do not know how Winston was able to offer such a book (it turned out to be as described and pictured) at such a price, even then. They may have been as hard-up as we were.

I dreamed about that beautiful Bible all night. Next morning I asked Father if he would be willing to offer that book as a premium with a year's new or renewal subscription to The Record for a total of \$2.50. This would represent a loss, on paper, of 65 cents. But we were paying agents 50¢ commission on renewals and \$1.00 on new subscriptions, at \$2.00 a year. Father was dubious but game.

That very morning I wired Winston to send us the beautiful cut of the Bible. When it came, I had printed on slick paper 5,000 (I think) circulars advertising the offer, and I ran the same cut and offer in The Record. That was one of the most successful promotions I ever had anything to do with. Hundreds of, maybe a thousand, replies and remittances came in. These beautiful Bibles made wonderful gifts at Christmas. I addressed the labels and orders and sent them to Winston, and Winston mailed the books directly to subscribers. For the first time, we had a respectable balance in the bank. For the Lipseys it was a very Merry Christmas!

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Note: "Dr. J. T. Christian, whom I mentioned as a former editor of The Baptist Record, was in fact not an editor, but was a secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The mistake was mine—J.J.L."



CORNER OF FOUR CHURCHES — JACKSONVILLE, ILL.—An intersection in Jacksonville, Ill., reputed to be the only one in the world with a church on all four corners will no longer have that designation when demolition of the Central Baptist church (lower center) is completed. Only the steeple remains of the church on the site since 1832. Other churches are the First Baptist (right); Grace Methodist (upper center) and Trinity Episcopal (left). (RNS Photo)

Baptists Are Urged To Reach America's Largest Ghetto

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — A Southern Baptist missions worker in New York City has urged the nation's largest evangelical denomination to work in the nation's largest ghetto.

Paul S. James, director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, urged Southern Baptists to forget their prejudices, to become color blind, and to move into the basements, the highrise apartments and the dark alleys of New York with the message of Christ.

Speaking at New Orleans

Baptist Theological Seminary, James asked students and faculty members during the annual Missionary Day address: "When will America's largest evangelical church do something for America's largest metropolitan area? When will it say something to America's largest ghetto?"

"We are no longer a regional church, we are a nationwide convention with a nationwide responsibility," the former Southern Baptist Convention vice president said.

Pointing to Northeastern

United States as the "top-priority-area" in the nation for Southern Baptists to reach, James said that one-third of the population of America is living between New York, Boston and St. Paul.

"In this area seven of the nation's nine major cities are located; it is the center for national and international governments; great universities are located there; and the idea makers of Madison Avenue are ruling there. No matter how you look at it, the need is so great."

"Our missionaries can not go to Poland, but the Polish people are there; we can't send our missionaries to Pakistan, but their students are there, along with 10,000 international students. World missions begins right where you are."

"Southern Baptists, with their minds, their money, their methods and resources, can do so much more than what they are presently doing," said the SBC Home Mission Board official.

A graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., James was pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., Second Baptist Church in Auburn, N. Y., and Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, before being named to the New York missions position.

Two Century Old Libraries Discovered In Search

NASHVILLE—Two libraries which are at least 110 years old have been discovered by the Sunday School Board's church library department's search for the oldest library in existence in a Baptist church.

Charles E. Larew, pastor, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Beavertown, Va., writes that, "a circulating library was established at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in 1850. On Oct. 19, 1850, the church voted to 'exert itself to establish a church library.'"

The library at Mount Olivet Baptist Church was centered around 122 volumes noted in the October, 1849, church letter to the Dover Association as being in the Sunday School library. A committee was appointed to form the constitution and rules for the library, which was adopted on Nov. 16, 1850.

Miss Vera Hardin, librarian, Antioch Baptist Church, Grover, N. C., reports that in April, 1854, a resolution was passed "to form a library of books of the Baptist order and proceeded to open a subscription for the same. Twenty-five dollars was raised. A committee was appointed to make a selection of books. Another committee was appointed to draw up rules by which the books should be distributed and returned."

Three other churches had libraries established around 70 years ago:

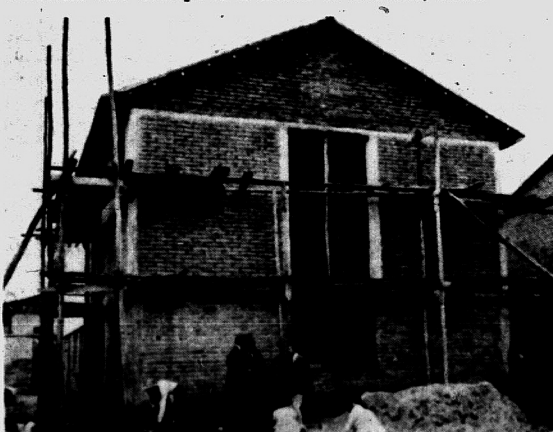
A "hand written library report made at a regular business meeting in 1900 has been discovered by members of New Hope Baptist Church, Wauchula, Fla.," according to the church's pastor, C. Ronald Cumble. "In the report, the librarian says that it is the fifth annual report, which would mean that we had a library as early as 1895."

In 1896, W. L. Richardson, librarian, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, reports that his church had a library consisting of 787 volumes which were contributed by individual members. Annie Belle Northern was the librarian at that time.

Mrs. M. O. Lively, librarian, First Baptist Church, Dallas, has given the following information: "Mrs. J. H. Lambert has handed the librarian a printed report of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1906. . . . Included in superintendent C. H. Briggs' report for the year is the following paragraph regarding the library: 'We have added to our library 75 volumes this year, and have a large number of readers, which shows the importance of giving the pupils good books to read.'"



DR. JACK W. MANNING, left, professor of church history at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and one of his former students, Rev. Stanley D. Stamps, missionary to Ecuador since 1962, stand before a monument which marks the equator, near Quito, Ecuador. Dr. Manning visited several of his former students during a recent mission tour in Latin America. Mr. Stamps is a native of Prentiss, Miss.



DR. MANNING, left, Missionary Stamps, center, and Pastor Victor Andrade of San Juan Baptist Church, Quito, inspect the church's new building.



DR. MANNING, left, and Mr. Stamps stand before the entrance of the Baptist primary school in Quito.

Two Baptists Compile 26 Translations

By Don McGregor
DALLAS (BP)—A Baptist state paper artist and a Baptist seminary professor have

joined efforts to compile and edit what they consider to be the best of 26 translations of the New Testament in a sin-

gle volume.
The new 1,248-page volume uses the King James Version as the guide, with four or five of the "best translations as selected by a Bible scholar"

printed beneath each line or phrase of the King James.
Baptist Standard Staff Artist Jack Hamm might best be described as the producer of the project. Hamm is also

a free-lance artist and religious cartoonist.
Curtis Vaughn, 42-year-old professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, is the editor, and shared in compiling with 14 other scholars.

Zondervan Publishing House will put the book on the market in October. Zondervan called it "a significant new work containing the complete text of the King James Version, with alternate translations for clarity and understanding from the 25 other most popular English translations of the New Testament."
"It all began as the brainchild of Hamm about the middle of 1962. His idea was to enlist 15 Bible scholars to handle sections with which they were particularly familiar. But they would need to be paid, so he went out in search of \$25,000.

He found seven Baptist laymen in Dallas who had faith enough to place their names on a note at the First National Bank, and an eighth man, Bank President Dewey Presley (a Baptist) who had enough faith in these men to authorize the loan.

Hamm had help on another almost impossible task — obtaining permission to use portions of the 19 or 20 copyright scripture translations.

Early in the effort, Hamm had interested Southwestern Seminary Professor William Rossell in the project, and Rossell had obtained all but three copyright permissions before his untimely death.

Vaughn succeeded Rossell on the project, obtaining the remaining copyright permissions and finding 15 persons who would make up the editorial board — those who would do the actual work of comparing the scripture translations.

Each member of the editorial board took the King James translation line for line and examined each of the other 25 translations to determine which four or five versions best explained the actual meaning of the scripture.

When each editorial board member finished his task he mailed his work to Vaughn who edited the entire manuscript. He has spent two years on the project in addition to his seminary teaching schedule and speaking assignments.

Vaughn and Hamm said the editorial board is international in scope, and that each number is a person of "conservative convictions concerning biblical interpretation. Members were recruited in New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada, and the United States.

There were three Southern Baptists on the editorial board, an American Baptist, a Presbyterian, an Anglican, a Lutheran, a Mennonite, and others.

Vaughn said the book will be especially valuable to Sunday School teachers, ministers and Bible teachers so that they can take a text and make several comparisons.



BAPTISTS COMPILER SCRIPTURES: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Curtis Vaughn (left) and Baptist Standard Staff Artist Jack Hamm (right), both of Texas, look over galley proofs of a unique Bible which gives what 15 Bible scholars believe to be the best of 26 translations of the New Testament. Vaughn was editor of the compilation, and Hamm conceived the idea and produced the volume. The unique New Testament presents the entire text of the King James version, with four or five of the best of 25 other Bible translations under each line of the King James. The volume, to be published by Zondervan Publishing House, will be released in October. (BP Photo)



New Books For Missionary Reading

Some new books which hold special interest for members and leaders of WMU have recently come from the press.

Luther Rice: Believer in Tomorrow is the story of the struggles, accomplishments, failures and disappointments of the great Baptist leader. Mrs. Luther Joe Thompson (wife of a former pastor of Calvary, Jackson) has done an outstanding job with the depth and volume of historical research and, at the same time, has produced a dramatic and significant story. She shows in a forceful manner that the Southern Baptist Convention is a monument to Rice's vision of Baptists' working together for Christ's Kingdom.

The Wimpy Harper Story, by Jesse C. Fletcher, is the

story of a missionary at work in the content of Africa where mission work is undergoing great changes. Mr. Harper served as a missionary in Tanganyika before his untimely death. The story of his life contains plenty of action, high adventure and humor.

May Perry of Africa is the delightful story of Miss Perry's thirty-nine years in Africa—first as teacher, then as principal of the Baptist Girls' School in Abeokuta, Nigeria. Details of school life enliven for Juniors the story of an educational achievement in African education for which Miss Perry was made an officer of the order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Opportunities To Serve In Pioneer Areas

The Home Mission Board is interested in securing the services of men and women from our area to work in some of the pioneer states of the Southern Baptist Convention. There is great variety in the type of work to be done, as well as in the number of workers needed.

If you would be interested in using your vacation time by serving in a specific place of Baptist leadership in one of the pioneer states, or if

you would be interested in serving for a long period of time, contact Dr. Fred Moseley, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Oldest BSSB Staff Member Dies at 94

NASHVILLE (BP)—George Frank Cole, 94, oldest retiree of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, died Feb. 20 in a local hospital following a stroke.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22 at First Baptist Church here where he had been a member for 73 years and had served as a deacon most of the time. Burial was in Nashville.

Cole was employed by the board in 1890, when the agency was only eight years old.

FMB Reception

Messengers and visitors attending the 1967 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., are invited to a Foreign Mission Board reception on Wednesday afternoon, May 31, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Roney Plaza Hotel, 23rd and Collins Avenue.

Brotherhood



Brigman



Denham



Colletti

Dr. John Brigman, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, will be the Bible Study leader for the South Mississippi Brotherhood Retreat, March 17 and 18.

Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor for First Baptist Church, Elmsville, will conduct the campfire service for Friday evening.

Mr. Alon Colletti, Minister of Music and Education, 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will assist Rev. W. T. Broadus with the music program.

The program activities will follow the following schedule: Friday, March 17—

3:30—Registration
Music—W. T. Broadus
Getting acquainted
Welcome—W. D. Rouse
Scripture and Prayer—Paul Shell
Theme, Purpose, and Objectives—Elmer Howell
Bible Study—John Brigman—"Lord Teach Us to Pray"—Luke 11:1

6:00—Let's eat!
Music—W. T. Broadus
Christian Home Life Emphasis (Visual Aid)
Bible Study—John Brigman—"Hindrances to Prayer"—Psalm 66:18
Question and Answer Session
Campfire Service—Hardy Denham

Saturday, March 18—
7:00—Breakfast
Music—W. T. Broadus
Scripture and Prayer—Roy Kuykendall
Bible Study—John Brigman—"Prayer is Dangerous Business"—John 15:7
Music—W. T. Broadus
Prayer and Family Life—Discussion
Special project for Baptist Men—Roy Kuykendall
Special Mission Emphasis—Ervin Brown
Season of Prayer
Moments of Recall (We hope that each man will take part on this discussion)

12:00—Lunch
Travel home.

ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LINENS TO BOTH RETREATS.

Watts Infant Dies

Rebecca Susan, four-and-a-half-month-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts, Southern Baptist missionaries in Switzerland, died February 26 after a brief illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Watts may be addressed at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland (he is seminary president). They have four other children, Cheryl, 17, Reid, 14, Linda, 13, and Jimmy, six.

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Church Where SBC Started Observes 150th Anniversary

AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham will speak here during a week-long celebration in observance of the 150th anniversary of

Calvary Church Licenses Minister

Thomas K. Phillips was licensed to the gospel ministry on February 26 by Calvary Church, Corinth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Phillips of Corinth, and is a second year student at North East Junior College, Booneville. He plans to enter a Baptist college next fall. Rev. Joe Epling, Calvary pastor, presented the license.



Thomas K. Phillips

First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

The historic church, organized on March 25, 1817, is where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

Dates for the 150th anniversary celebration are March 24-April 2. R. Jack Robinson is pastor of the 3,600-member church which was started as the Baptist Praying Society of Augusta with 18 charter members.

Robinson said the sesquicentennial celebration will begin March 25 when deacons of the church, dressed in costumes of the 1817 era, will ride horses from Kiokkee to Augusta, simulating rides of Daniel Marshall. Kiokkee is the oldest Baptist church in the state and Marshall was the first Baptist preacher in Georgia.

They will arrive at the church in time for a period of prayer and presentation of a new history of the church and a fellowship hour honoring senior members.

Robinson will speak at morning services on March 26. The evening service that day will feature a musical presentation, "Hymn of Praise."

On March 27, H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at a special service honoring former pastors and staff members, plus missionaries who have gone out from the church.

On March 29, a historical pageant entitled, "Establish Thou the Work of Thy Hands," will be presented at Bell Auditorium. Over 400 people will be involved in the production.

On March 31, Graham will speak at Bell Auditorium in a special service of consecration. Also on the program will be Cliff Barrows and Grady Wilson. A 300-voice choir will sing.

On Sunday morning, April 2, the church's first homecoming will be held at Bell Auditorium. An old-fashioned dinner on the ground will be served and a note representing termination of all church indebtedness will be burned at an afternoon service.

That night, a special "Dedication to the Future" service will conclude the week. Robert C. Norman, chairman of the long-range planning committee, will present proposals for the future.



A SILVER SERVICE set was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Blankenship by the members of First Church, Hattiesburg, at a recent "Appreciation reception". Shown posing beside the gift, which also included sterling silver goblets for the Blankenships' four children, are from left to right: Mrs. Sarah Oakley (mother of Mrs. Blankenship), standing behind Kirk and Kevin; Mrs. Blankenship, Kelly, Mr. Blankenship, and Kent. Mr. Blankenship has been with the church as Minister of Education for two years and has been especially appreciated because of his leadership during the last year while the church has been pastorless.

First Area Clinics For Church Library Promotion Scheduled

NASHVILLE — The first area-wide clinics on church library promotion will be conducted in April by the Sunday School Board's church library department.

Areas and dates are: eastern states, April 7-8,

Charlotte, N. C.; central and southern states, April 21-22, Birmingham, Ala.; western states, April 14-15, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Personnel from the Board's church library department who will direct the clinics are Charles H. Warnock (eastern area), James Rose (central area) and Glynn Hill (western area). Clinic leaders will include others from the department and workers from churches where church library promotion has been most effective.

In keeping with the theme "Communication Through Promotion," conferences will be offered on the use of posters, bulletin boards and displays; writing and using printed promotional materials; planning and producing dramatic presentations; and how to use most effectively direct presentations such as book talks and worship programs.

Further information is available from: Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Pioneer Missionary Honored In Brazil

Solomon Ginsburg Street, a main artery of Sao Fidelis, Brazil, runs past the Second Baptist Church of the city. It honors Southern Baptist Missionary Solomon L. Ginsburg, who 73 years ago was arrested and jailed for preaching the gospel in Sao Fidelis, located in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

The street was named for Mr. Ginsburg during recent anniversary celebrations of Sao Fidelis.

Son of a Jewish rabbi, Mr. Ginsburg was born in Poland, educated in Germany, and converted to Christianity in England. He went to Brazil in 1890, came in contact with Southern Baptist missionaries, and became a Baptist.

He served under the Foreign Mission Board from 1892 until his death in 1927, engaging in an evangelistic ministry that took him throughout Brazil. He helped estab-

lish the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, in Recife, Pernambuco, pioneered in Baptist publication work, and translated more than 100 hymns in Portuguese.

He related his life story in *A Wandering Jew in Brazil* (Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1921). Recounting the persecution in Sao Fidelis, he said that when he was forbidden to preach he told the chief of police Baptists do not accept orders from civil authorities in matters of religion, for they have orders from a higher authority. Then he took out his New Testament and read Jesus' words in Matthew 23:18-19: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." His case came to the attention of the governor of the state, who halted the persecution.

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

Man Under Judgment

By Clifton J. Allen
Luke 19:28 to 21:38

This lesson begins with the events of Passion Week. The first of these events was the triumphal entry, which occurred on Sunday. Either immediately, or more likely on Monday, Jesus cleansed the Temple. The other events recorded in our larger Bible lesson seem to have occurred on Tuesday, the last day of Jesus' public teaching in the Temple.

The Lesson Explained

God's Vineyard
The parable spoken by Jesus was clear and direct. The householder planted a vineyard and did everything possible to guarantee its fruitfulness. He then let it out to tenants while he went away. This was a description of God's dealings with Israel. The vineyard was the nation of Israel. God made this nation his own peculiar people. God had a right to expect a harvest of faith and justice and righteousness.

Jesus was saying to the rulers of the Jews—in a very real sense the husbandmen or tenants to whom had been entrusted the responsibility of spiritual leadership—that God was dealing with them as he had with Israel through the centuries. They should have been quick to recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

A Faithless Nation
God's chosen people throughout their history betrayed their privilege and mission. God had sent his servants—that is, the prophets—through the centuries to try to cultivate in the hearts of the people the fruits of faith and fidelity. Instead, the leaders of the nation treated the prophets of God with shameful cruelty, beating, killing, and stoning them one after another. God had now sent his Son, rightly expecting that they would at least reverence and receive him. But the faithless and wicked husbandmen, representative of all the people, were about to accomplish his crucifixion.

Jesus charged the rulers with being the counterpart of the wicked husbandmen in the parable.

Fearful Judgment
According to Matthew's account, Jesus let his hearers declare their own condemnation: They said that the owner of the vineyard would "miserably destroy those wicked men, and . . . let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen" (Matt. 21:41). God would take the kingdom from Israel and give it to others who would bring forth the fruits of faith and service. The stone rejected by Israel would become actually the

chief cornerstone. Jesus was declaring himself to be this stone. He would be the stone of judgment. Whoever rebels against him and rejects him will come to destruction and everlasting ruin.

Truths to Live By

We live under the judgment of God.—This truth rests on the fact that we are accountable to God. Because of man's disobedience and unbelief, the unregenerated man—the person without saving faith in Jesus Christ—lives under God's judgment of condemnation. The Christian also lives under the judgment of God—not a judgment of condemnation but a judgment of examination. God testing all that the Christian does in terms of his loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ.

God cannot be played with.—This was a truth Jesus sought to impress upon the religious leaders in Jerusalem. The history of Israel and the teaching of the Christian gospel as well impress on us the severity of God's judgment as well as the wonder of his mercy. He will not hold guiltless the person who disobeys him.

The rejection of Christ brings ruin.—This truth is the central teaching of our lesson. God judges men according to their response to Jesus Christ. Whoever rejects him shall be broken in pieces, morally and spiritually, by defying him who is the source of forgiveness and healing and strength.

Wall Speaks To State Leaders In Montana

On Sunday, February 19, Rev. Robert Wall, pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Montana, (formerly pastor of the Easthaven Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi) presented a stirring patriotic program to a select group of state leaders in Helena, Montana. The Governor of Montana was included in the group present.

Robert Wall has presented this program over fifty times, including presentations in Montana, Mississippi, and California.

On Monday morning, February 20, Mr. Wall pronounced the invocation at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast held in Helena.

On Tuesday evening, February 21, he was a guest of the Helena Christian Women's Club at their annual banquet. This organization is composed of about 200 Christian women in the capital city of Montana.

God's Own People

By Bill Duncan
1 Peter 2:1-10

The idea of God's own people can be found both in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament.

The purpose of God for his people is found in many parts of the Bible. Here we see the inescapable responsibility that goes along with the privilege of being included in the company of committed. In this passage we see the purpose for the Christian to grow and the responsibility of the Christian glory.

The Purpose of Christian Growth
1 Peter 2:1-3
The Christian life is made possible because of the dynamic experience with Christ in salvation. The first chapter of 1 Peter describes the necessity of a Christ-filled life. After the life of the Christian is made different by birth from above, then God expects that life to grow and mature according to His will. This growth is not automatic, but comes because of proper handling and conditions. In this passage Peter sets forth what the Christian must do to grow properly.

Peter says there are some evil things that must be stripped off the Christian like soiled or polluted garments if proper growth is achieved. Here five things that are characteristic of the Christless life are named:

(1) He must rid himself of all malice which is the wicked ways (sins and faults) of the heathen. The other four are illustrations of this malice that would hurt the great characteristics of brotherly love.

(2) Deceitfulness describes the conscious deception of a man whose motives are never pure.

(3) Hypocrisy describes the man who all the time is acting out a part that is not natural to his heart.

(4) Envy describes the as-asserting of one's selfish desires.

(5) Evil speaking refers to the act of degrading, slandering, and hurting another with words.

In the growth there is the positive idea of taking the word of God as food for growth. Our growth depends upon this. The Christian must desire with his whole heart the nourishment which comes from the Word of God that will strengthen his soul and his life with pure food. The word "sincere" describes as unmixed. The term "milk" speaks of the essential food that the young growing Christian needs for understanding and strength. Too many young Christians have spiritual trou-

ble because of the lack of positive nourishment.

In verse three we see a statement of condition. The preposition "if" denotes a fulfilled condition. They as newborn babes tasted the Word of God and had already found in it that the Lord was (literally) excellent.

CHRISTIAN GLORY

1 Peter 2:4-10
In this passage we begin to see the nature and the function of the church. All of (Continued on page 8)

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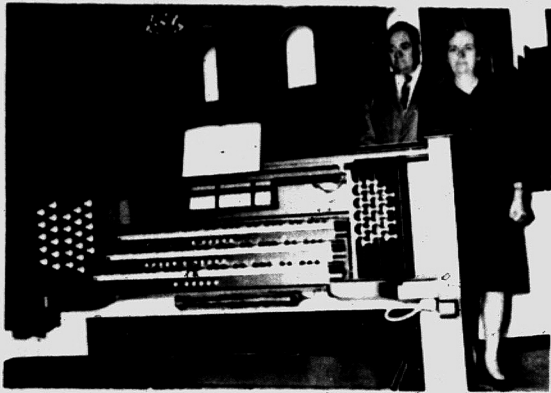
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1st, Picayune, Dedicates New Organ

PICTURED ABOVE are Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Crosby, Jr., donors of the new pipe organ dedicated Sunday, February 19, at First Church, Picayune. The new organ is a 3 manual, draw knob stop control and has 41 ranks of pipes. Approximately 7 ranks of pipes from the organ which was in the old sanctuary of First Church were incorporated into the new organ. The old organ was originally given in appreciation of L. O. Crosby, Sr. The total cost of construction was \$47,500. David Harmon Lewis, originally from Tylertown, and now head of the music department of Dentre College, Danville, Kentucky, played the dedication concert. The following words will appear on a plaque on the organ console: "This organ is given in loving memory of departed members of this church who labored faithfully in Christian service." Presented by Dorothy and Osmond Crosby, February 19, 1967. Paul Padgett, minister of music, led in the dedication of the organ. Rev. Carless Evans, Jr. is the pastor.

The Re-Creative Power Of Love

Mrs. D. O. Puryear
First, Pontotoc

If I had not read a book on theology years ago, my interest on all branches of science would never have been aroused.

In the first paragraph of the theology book the theologian stated, "Every Christian should learn all the sciences possible." Science and theology are related; for when dedicated men observe, study, and make written records, these facts merely show how the Creator designed the world to operate.

The word, "theology" means the science of God.

That statement by a writer of theology made me, when I was fifty years old, an avid reader of the science books in their simplest form. Otherwise, I would never have known anything about the physical universe.

God's mighty power in the physical world seems to be largely electrical—with every atom having an electron as the nucleus.

But His absolute Law of Love is in the spiritual world what electricity is in the physical world. His word, the Bible, reveals that God is love.

Without love the human spirit perishes.

If doctors could measure it, a blood test would surely show all the elements produced by anger, envy, jealousy, covetousness, unforgiveness, etc.

Only Divine Love can change these base emotions into the pure gold of love.

That is when we become new creations—transformed by the miraculous wonder-working power of love.

No synthetic will do, but only the original from the

Ministerial Wives' Hold Banquet In BSU center

The Ministerial Wives' Association held its annual banquet in the BSU Center of Mississippi College.

The theme for the banquet was "Indian Love Call."

Those present were Mr. & Mrs. Buford Easley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Runnels, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Fitzjerrrells, Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Hazlip, Mr. & Mrs. Ivo Livingston, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Roland, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Poole, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Foshee, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Spires, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Ainsworth, Dr. & Mrs. E. R. Pinson, and Dr. & Mrs. Phil McCarty.

Mrs. Buford Easley acted as mistress of ceremonies with Mrs. Jimmy Martin in charge of the introductions. Dr. McCarty was guest speaker and Ronnie Owens presented a musical program.

Flowood To Hear Surgeon

Dr. W. David Dunavant, leading surgeon at Memorial Baptist Hospital, Memphis, and deacon at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will speak on the "Death of Christ from a Medical Standpoint" at the Flowood Baptist Church, Sunday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p. m.

Originator will effect this transformation.

It was the high point of my Christian life to find that love is the healing stream flowing in our blood, through our glands, over our nerves, clearing the brain.

Through love's power, we can exhale the chemical fog that makes us spiritually blind.

Glory be! How great He is! And how great is our salvation! If only every one knew it, believed it, and accepted it, this sinless world would be transformed now!

(Note: Mrs. Puryear joined First Baptist, Pontotoc, a little over a year ago from the Presbyterian church. She was baptized at age 60.)



Rev. J. H. Moore

Alcorn Calls Missionary

ALCORN CALLS MISSIONARY

Rev. James H. Moore recently began his service as superintendent of missions in Alcorn Association. He and his family are living in Rienzi, in a home furnished by the Rienzi Church.

A native of Bethel Springs, Tennessee, Mr. Moore is married to the former Wesley Pauline Moore. They have three sons and a daughter.

He was ordained at Mt. Gilead Church in McNairy County, Tennessee, and served as pastor of several Tennessee churches before moving to Mississippi in 1958 to become pastor of Rienzi and Hinkle Creek Churches.

He is a graduate of Northeast Mississippi Junior College at Booneville and of Blue Mountain College, and has taken extension courses from New Orleans Seminary.

He has taught in Rienzi High School, where he was principal for two years. In Rienzi Association, he has served as a member of the Missions Committee.

Jasper County Honors Lee

The Executive Committee of Jasper County Association has adopted a resolution of appreciation for Rev. Marvin K. Lee for his work in the association while serving as their superintendent of missions.

Names In The News

Monroe McManus is the new minister of music at First Church, Purvis, having moved there from First, Quitman.

Rev. Ervin Green has resigned the pastorate of Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County, in order to accept the pastorate of Pigott's Crossing Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana. Juniper Grove has called Rev. Larry Thornton as interim pastor.

Jerry Swimmer has resigned as minister of music at Pine Grove Church, Pearl River Co., to accept a similar position in Emmanuel Church, Grenada. He recently graduated from New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. A. R. Vaughn has accepted the pastorate of Bethel Church, Pearl River Co. He moved there from Sharon Church in Jones Association where he had served for nine years.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Sr., missionaries on medical leave from North Brazil, may now be addressed c/o Georgia Baptist Women's Missionary Union, 291 Peachtree St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. Born in Hartselle, Ala., he grew up in Decatur, Ala.; she, the former Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, was born and reared in Brazil. Mr. Johnson recently underwent surgery in an Atlanta hospital and is now recuperating nicely. The Johnsons are the parents of Miss Virginia Johnson, of Jackson, state YWA director.

During the approximately three years of his dedicated service, there was steady progress in the churches and in the association. "His fine spirit of cooperation was appreciated in every church, every organization, and every meeting," the resolution stated.

Mr. Lee is now missionary for Calhoun Association.

Rev. T. Luther Jones, assistant chaplain at Baptist Hospital of Miami, Inc., has been certified a Professional Hospital Chaplain by the American Protestant Hospital Association. Certification was granted at the annual convention of the A.P.H.A. in Chicago recently. Certification reflects compliance with the rigid standards set by the Association, which include ordination, a college degree, a Bachelor's Degree from a theological seminary, one year of clinical pastoral training, and pastoral experience, as well as employment by a member institution. Annually, only about thirty certifications are granted nationally. Mr. Jones is a native Mississippian and formerly was pastor of various churches in the state.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, flew to Panama on February 27 for a week's stay. He spoke on Wednesday night at Main Street Baptist Church, Panama Canal zone, where he delivered the ordination sermon for Sgt. James K. Meadows, interim pastor of that church for the past several months. Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, sponsored the organization of the Main Street Church in Panama two years ago. Dr. Barnes was also speaker for a Young People's Rally, speaking through an interpreter.

Rev. Connie Ward of Delhi, Louisiana, is the new pastor at First Church, Long Beach. He began his work on February 26.

Rev. Wade Allen is the new pastor at First Church, Lyman. He and his family have already moved on the field.

Rev. Oscar Russell, who was serving as interim pastor, has been called as full-time pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi.

Rev. C. H. Stone, Jr. is interim pastor at Lizana Church, Gulf Coast Association.



Rev. J. D. Johnson

MT. PLEASANT CALLS PASTOR

Rev. J. D. Johnson has begun his work as pastor with Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes County.

A graduate of Mississippi College, he is in his second year at New Orleans Seminary, as a candidate for the Th.M. degree.

His former pastorates include Darlove in Washington Association; Antioch, Hazlehurst; First Church, Mundell, Illinois; and First, Zion, Illinois.

He is the son of Mrs. Addie Johnson and the late I. E. Johnson of Houston. His wife is the former Bonnie Young. They have four children: Jerri, Jay, Diane, and Dawn.

Mt. Pleasant was organized in 1876 with 25 charter members. Present resident membership is 104.

WEST JACKSON APPOINTS NEW STAFF MEMBER

Bob Pollard assumed duties recently as part-time minister of music at West Jackson Baptist Church, 3930 South Drive, Jackson, according to the pastor, Rev. Don E. Wainwright.

A graduate of Central High School, Pollard attended Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Since 1955, he has directed the music program of several Baptist churches including Grandview Baptist, Rankin County.

DEVOTIONAL

Ways Of Jesus Different From Ways of the World

By Bill Hale, Pastor, Rocky Creek, Lucedale
Text — Luke 9:23-24

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.



For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

This text is plunged full of things for us today. To follow Jesus we must be able to deny self. This is the hardest thing in all the world for man to do—deny self. But before one can follow Jesus he must also find the art of denying self. is the hardest creature in all the world to put under. Someone has said that the center word in sin—s-i-n is I.

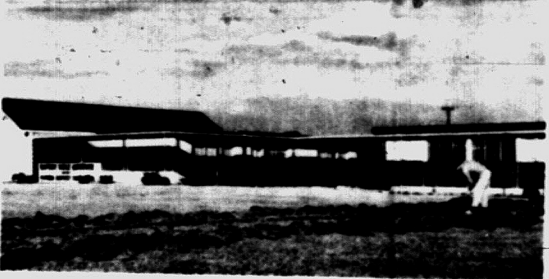
The personal pronoun I. I this and I that and I the other. Five times this word I was used in one verse in the Old Testament, and this was where Satan was being transformed from the beautiful creature made to worship God that became the fallen angel, taking upon himself the character of Satan, the deceiver, the one that accuses the brethren. Every time man gloats over himself, he is doing the basic thing of sin. He is exalting himself I.

Someone asks the question, "How can we follow Jesus?" We must be willing to follow Jesus into the wilderness where he faced temptation and overcame self and was led of the Spirit of God to be baptized by John. Many people falter here because they have never fought the battle of the wilderness. They have not carried themselves or allowed themselves to go to some isolated place where they could find that within self there is nothing good, and where they could see themselves as unfit unkept, and unconditioned for the battle of living a spiritual life, and cast themselves unreservedly at the feet of Jesus.

From the wilderness, to the Garden of Gethsemane: Here He completely placed self under, by praying unto the Father, by being given completely in submission. This is the secret of the victorious life.

From Gethsemane Jesus went to the cross. We must leave the Garden of Gethsemane and go on facing steadily toward the cross. Until man is willing to take up his cross and follow Jesus: So many falter here. We will go to the wilderness, we will even stop in the Garden of Gethsemane for a short visit, but then just before we get the job completely done and crucify self, we flinch away from the cross.

Crucifying self is the essential part of the Christian life. If must be done daily—take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ. What is the cross? It is any pleasure that you could have, any place you could go, that you refuse to go for the sake of Christ Jesus. That is one's cross,—and when a person reaches down and denies self and lays himself unreservedly at the feet of Jesus Christ daily and asks to be used of Him. But there are those today who seem to think, in intellectual pride, why, they have too much to offer to be a preacher or a Christian! They seem to think, "I'm intelligent. I must have a Ph.D. in science, philosophy, or some other phase of learning. I cannot waste my life in being a preacher of the gospel or in some other Christian endeavor." And here is the secret of it all: they are holding to their lives instead of surrendering to be a Christian or preacher or whatever the Lord would have them to be. They are going to lose their lives because they refuse to turn loose and lay all at the feet of Jesus.



HALTON ARNOLD DAVIS ('68) of West Point, still works as a bricklayer and construction man, although he's in his third year at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Here he works on a new cement walk leading from a street parking area to the classrooms. The administration followed a custom followed by many colleges: build new buildings, find where the students plan to walk, anyway, and then put in the walks.

INDIANA LEADERS SEEKING THOSE INTERESTED IN STATE

Two Baptist workers from Indiana will be in Mississippi March 14-15 to talk with pastors who might be interested in serving in that state.

Rev. Galen Irby, area missionary from Ft. Wayne, and Rev. Bill Cox, pastor of Friendship Baptist Chapel, Bluffton, Ind., and moderator of the Northeastern Indiana Baptist Association can be contacted the morning of March 14 at the Baptist Building, Jackson; the afternoon of March 15 at Calvary Baptist Church, Pascagoula. Cox is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton.



THE FORMAL PRESENTATION of a new pulpit for Carey College's Thomas Fine Arts Center was made on Tuesday, February 21, by the Ministerial Association. The pulpit was handmade and was a project of the Ministerial Association. Shown following the presentation ceremony, left to right, are President J. Ralph Noonkester, Kai Larm representing the Ministerial Association, Dr. Don Stewart, and Dr. B. Frank Smith. The latter two are co-sponsors for the organization.

A young man who chooses to be an athlete to get the applause of the arena, and those who go off into the ways of sin and say, "I have got to live instead of dying to Christ"—these think they are really living, and they are saving their lives. In reality they are losing their lives because they will not give them surrendered unto Jesus. God helps us to crucify self and follow Jesus each day.

S. S. Lesson . . .

(Continued from page 7)

this is given to the Christian as an opportunity to share in the ministry of Christ. Here we see the glory of the church, in its structure and opportunity.

This relationship, "to whom coming," describes in intimate association made when one has fellowship with the Lord. Although Christ was tested and repudiated by men because he was not what official Israel wanted, this chosen-out one is held as honorable in the sight of God. Because of His nature he became the living corner stone on which the believers like bricks are united.

The Christian is honored by being used in this building. Here he is allowed to function as part of the church. The Christian is honored by being part of the royal priesthood which has access himself to God and whose task is to bring others to God. He also can bring the spiritual sacrifices of love from his heart and service of his life. The Christian is to be a spokesman and witness to men concerning the mighty acts of God. This witness is best when it speaks of what God has done personally to the individual believer. Many will witness by their lives to what God has done for them.

An ordinary thing acquires a new value when it is possessed by some famous person. It is the ownership that gives them worth. The Christian may be an ordinary person but he acquires a new value and dignity and greatness because he belongs to God. The glory of the Christian lies in the fact that he is God's. God in creating the people of God has done something to the believer. God has called the Christian out of darkness into His glorious light. Darkness can be used to describe ignorance. When a man comes to know Jesus, he comes to know God as goodness and love. In Christ a person is given guidance and security. He is also given the ability by God's power to attain some of that goodness. God has made the people who were not a people into the people of God. "This means that the Christian is called out of insignificance into significance." The Christian's greatness lies in the fact that God has chosen him to be his man and do his work. No Christian can be ordinary, for every Christian is a man of God. The Christian is called out of judgment into mercy. The Christian no longer fears God now he is God's people.

When pride goeth before, the fall delights everybody.

Off The Record

The fellow who sits under a tree while his wife mows the lawn could be called a shady character.

A young man dashed into the electrician's shop, his face flushed with anger. "Didn't I ask you yesterday morning to send a man to mend our doorbell?" he roared, "and did you not promise to send him around at once?"

"But we did, sir," broke in the manager. "I'm quite sure of it! Hi, Bill!" he called to one of his workmen at the back of the office. "Didn't you go around to Park Lodge yesterday to do that job?"

"Yes sir," replied Bill. "I went round all right, and I rang the bell for over ten minutes, but I couldn't get no answer, so I guessed they must not be at home."

There's a line on the ocean where, by crossing it, you can lose a day. There's one on the highway where you can do even better.

A man was set to work plucking chickens in a packing house. His foreman left to get a cup of coffee. Thirty minutes later, when the foreman returned, he asked, "Joe, how many chickens have you plucked?"

Joe thought for a moment, then replied, "Well, when I finish this one and one more, I will have done two."

The little boy approached his father who was standing on the edge of a cliff, admiring the scenery. He piped, "Mama says it isn't safe here and you're either to come away or else give me the picnic basket."

A young woman was dialing a record store. Her dial finger slipped a notch and she got a wrong number. A man answered, and she asked, "Do you have 'Eyes of Blue' and 'Heart That's True'?"

"No," said the man, "but I've got a wife and nine children, including four sets of twins."

"Is that a record?" gasped the astonished young lady.

"Well, ma'am, was the answer, 'We're not sure, but we think it is.'"

Revival Dates

Ebenezer Church (Tate): March 19—March 24; services beginning each evening at 7:30; Rev. James L. Terpo, Supt. of Missions, Panama Assn., evangelist; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor, leading the singing. Accompanists Carol Bryant, piano, Becky Buford, and Jeannie Sinquefield, organ.

Poplar Springs, Mendonhall: March 12-19; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor, East-side Church, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. J. L. Rasberry, pastor, and song leader; night services only, at 7:30 p. m.

Calvary Church, Batesville: March 12-19; evangelist, Rev. Grady Goodman Jr., pastor, Comer Memorial Church, Alexander City, Ala.; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor.

New Hebron Church: March 12-17; Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor of Oak Park Church, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Roy Daughdrill, music minister of New Hebron Church, song leader; Rev. J. W. T. Siler, pastor.

Harmony (Winston): March 12-17; night services only, at 7:30 each night; Rev. Leo Barker, pastor of Nokapater church, evangelist; Maurice Clay, in charge of the music, Rev. W. C. Smith, pastor.

Longview (Oktibbeha): March 12-19; Rev. Earl Rivers, pastor, Lumberton Church, evangelist; Rev. O. C. Hicks, pastor of Friendship Church, Oktibbeha County, music director; Rev. Bill Stroud, Sr., pastor.